Japanese. Where the Constitution wavered and compromised was on woman suffrage and a national language.

The Constitution plowed new ground when sanctioning a one-house National Assembly, and an electoral commission representative of the two leading parties with members from the Supreme Court holding the balance of power. The Constitution improved on the American system when it provided for direct election of the President and Vice President and fixed their term of office at six years, with reelection prohibited to the President.

I kept in close touch with the preparation of the Constitution. Thrice I attended the sessions of the Convention and thrice was I called into special conferences. Frequently delegates dropped into my office to talk over their perplexities. The most of one night I spent in the study of the completed draft just before its final approval. So I feel I know something about the Constitution. My measured opinion is that but few objectionable features will be discovered in the Constitution, and that but few omissions will be noted. My further opinion is that some provisions will be found to be ambiguous and to require judicial interpretation. My opinion finally is that balancing the defects against the merits, the latter far outweigh the former.

The Constitution represents a concerted effort to produce a workmanlike document. The Constitution can be placed side by side with other constitutions and need

not suffer by comparison. The Constitution of the Philippines is a fundamental law which observed the requirements of the Enabling Actj which wisely avoided degenerating into a code; which just as wisely refused to be led into the expression of dangerous doctrines j which is suited to conditions in the Philippines, and which as a consequence can be termed a good constitution.